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SUBJECT: RUSSIANS ALREADY DEMARCHANT OSCE CAPITALS ON  
COUNTERTERRORISM CONFERENCE

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¶1. (SBU) On May 16 we delivered reftel demarche to Vladimir Andreyev, Deputy Director for the MFA's Department of New Challenges and Threats, regarding the proposal to conduct joint demarches to OSCE member states to solicit high-level participation in the May 31-June 1 Conference for Public-Private Partnership in Combating Counterterrorism. Andreyev told us that the GOR had on May 8 given instructions to their missions to deliver a similar demarche, and that most Russian missions had already completed the task. He added that there was no need at this point to coordinate a simultaneous delivery. He said the GOR agreed with the U.S. text, and that given the limited time before the conference, the U.S. should begin delivering the demarche.

¶2. (SBU) Andreyev told us that the GOR's Rome Embassy had reported that the Italians were planning to send a low-level delegation to the conference, perhaps a member of their OSCE delegation in Vienna. He noted the important role that Italy could play in fostering a public-private partnership in combating counterterrorism, and suggested both the U.S. and the GOR re-engage the Italians on the composition of their delegation.

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